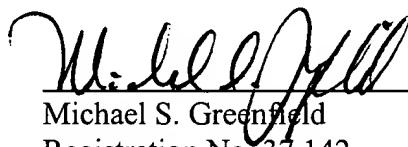


Lastly, claims 132 and 133 each claim polypeptides having fewer amino acids than the full length Tpb2 proteins of the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, therefore, the applicants respectfully submit that Legrain *et al.* and Quentin-Millet *et al.* cannot anticipate the present claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these § 102 rejections is kindly requested.

With the amendments and arguments presented herein, the applicants believe all pending rejections have been overcome or rendered moot. If this is not the case, the applicants respectfully request an Examiner's Interview. If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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